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The bite of a genetically altered spider granted high school student Peter Parker incredible arachnid-like powers. When a burglar killed his beloved Uncle Ben, a grief-stricken Peter vowed to use his amazing abilities to protect his fellow man. He learned the invaluable lesson that with great power there must also come great responsibility.

Now the fledgling super hero tries to balance a full high school curriculum, a part-time job, a relationship with Gwen Stacy and swing time as the misunderstood, web-slinging Spider-Man!



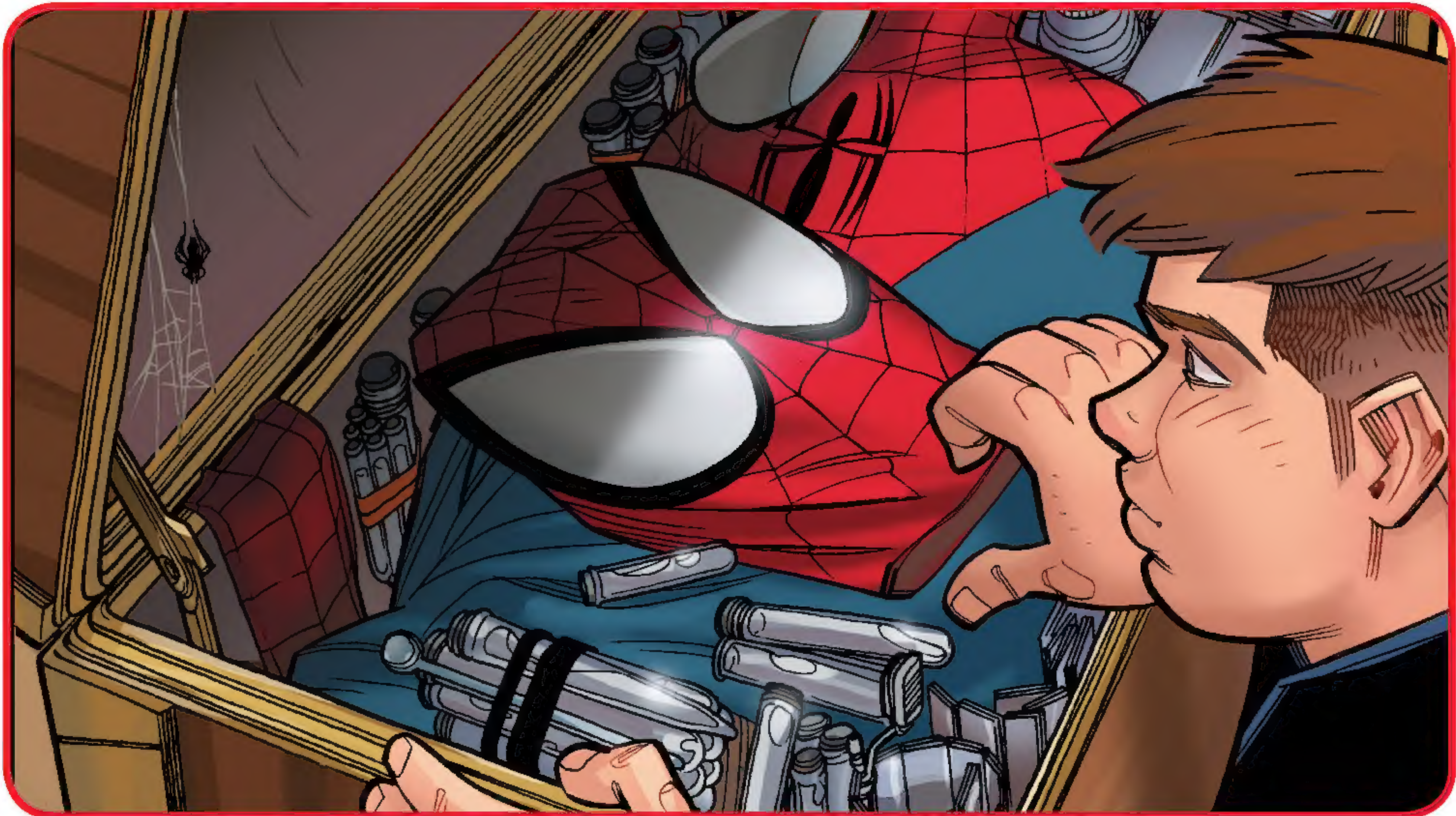
## PREVIOUSLY IN ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN:

Spider-Man is now living with Johnny Storm, a.k.a. the Human Torch, and Bobby Drake, a.k.a. Iceman. Both have disguised themselves as his cousins and are going to school like normal kids.

Peter and his ex-girlfriend, MJ, went to the Daily Bugle to report to the press that their friend, mutant Kitty Pryde, had been chased out of school by federal agents.

At the Bugle, Peter confronted his old boss, J. Jonah Jameson, only to realize that it was a shape-shifting monster. The imposter overpowered Peter and took his place in Peter's life without realizing Peter's secret identity.

The phony Peter wreaked havoc on Peter's personal life, playing with the emotions of both Gwen Stacy and MJ. And then fake Peter finally found out who Peter Parker really is...



## TAINTED LOVE: PART 5 OF 6

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I am not  
Spider-Man.







Costumes??  
I don't wear  
costumes.

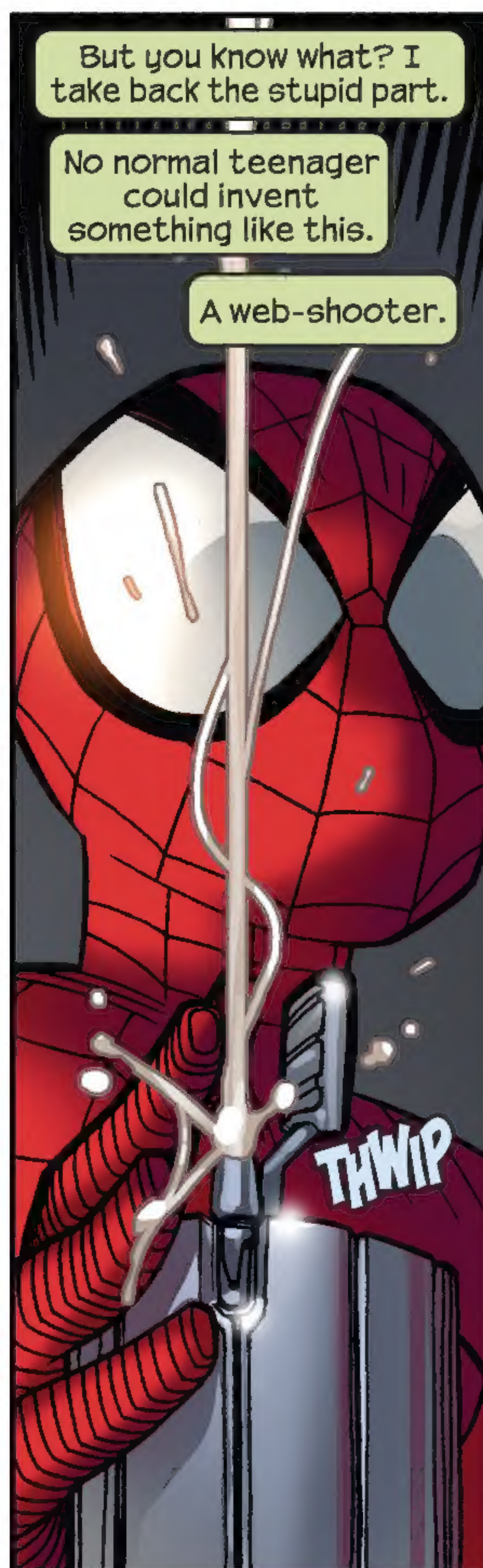
I don't come up  
with silly names  
for myself. This is  
what a twelve-  
year-old does.

This is what a kid  
who doesn't know  
anything about  
the real world  
comes up with.

This is something  
stupid a stupid  
person does.

And I know Peter Parker is  
stupid because he was  
stupid enough to let  
someone with my special  
abilities take over his life and  
figure out his special secrets.

Only a stupid person  
would be stupid enough  
to let that happen when  
so much is at stake.

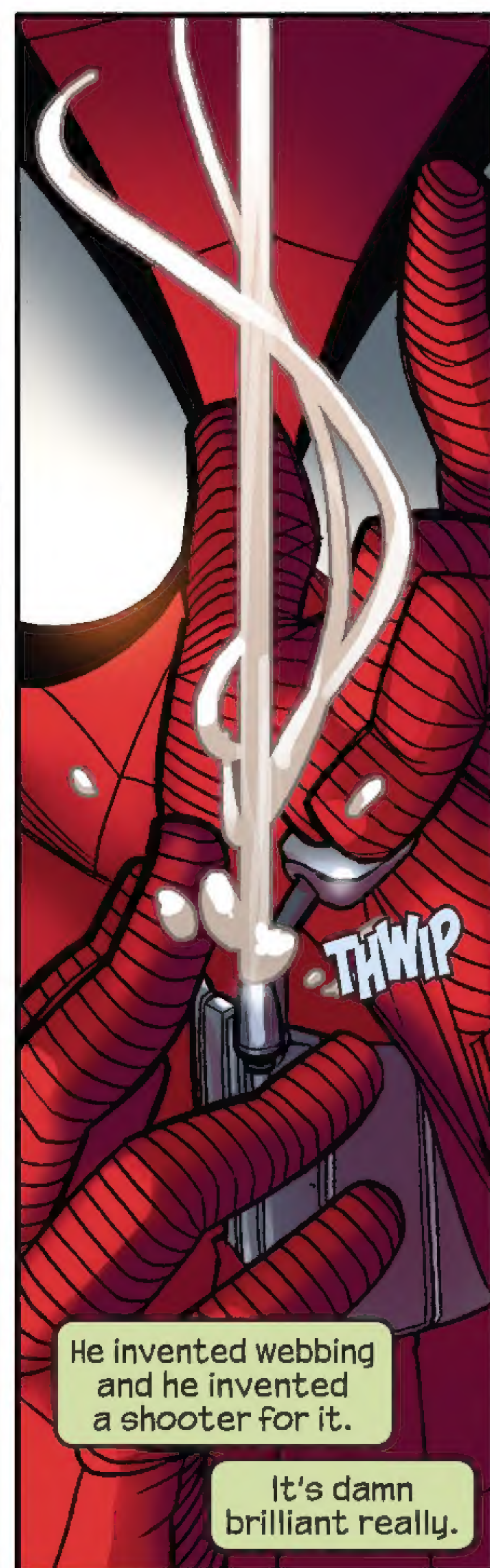


But you know what? I  
take back the stupid part.

No normal teenager  
could invent  
something like this.

A web-shooter.

THWIP



He invented webbing  
and he invented  
a shooter for it.

It's damn  
brilliant really.



No. You  
know what? I  
take it back.

He *is*  
stupid.

A smart person would  
have invented something  
like this and sold it to  
someone rich for a boat-  
load of dough.

A smart person would  
have turned himself into  
the president of 3M with  
something like this.

He would have found a  
practical commercial  
application for it instead  
of keeping it to himself  
and using it to  
swing around the city.



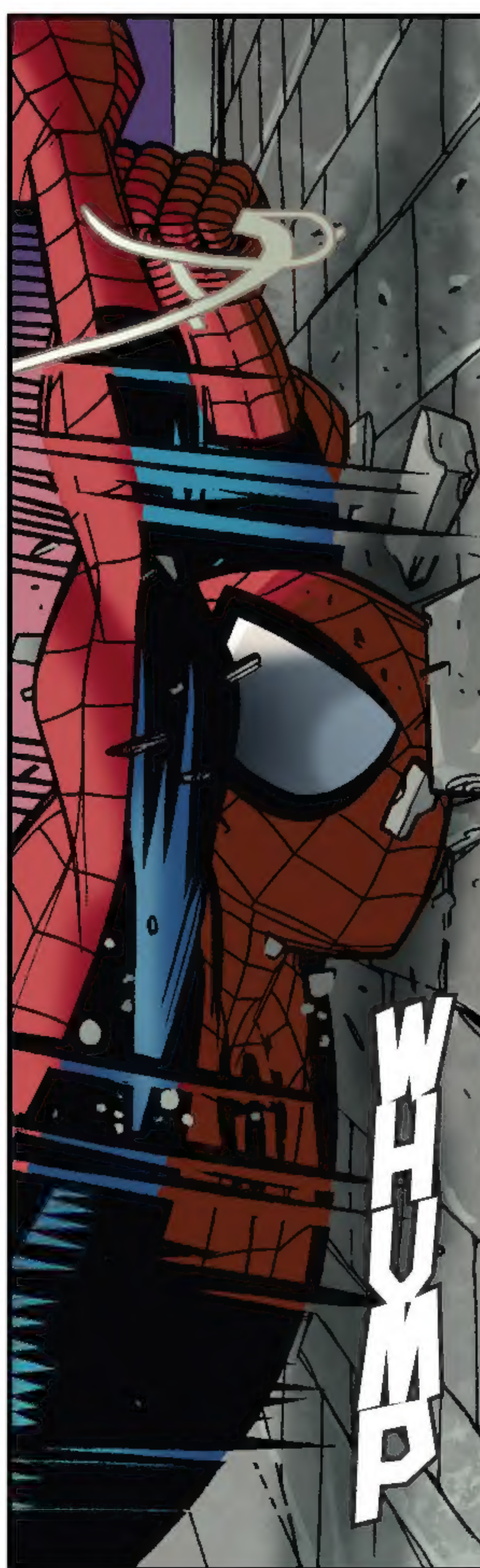
WHAP

Idiot.





Okay.



Okay.

So.

That's not as easy as it...

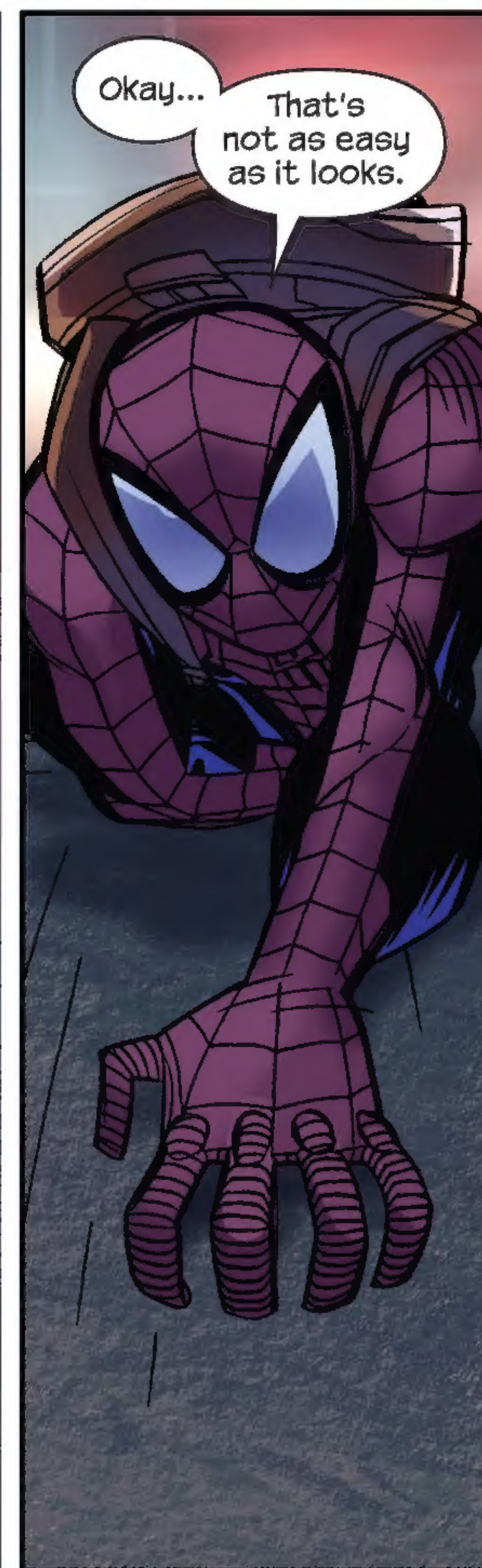


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One more try.

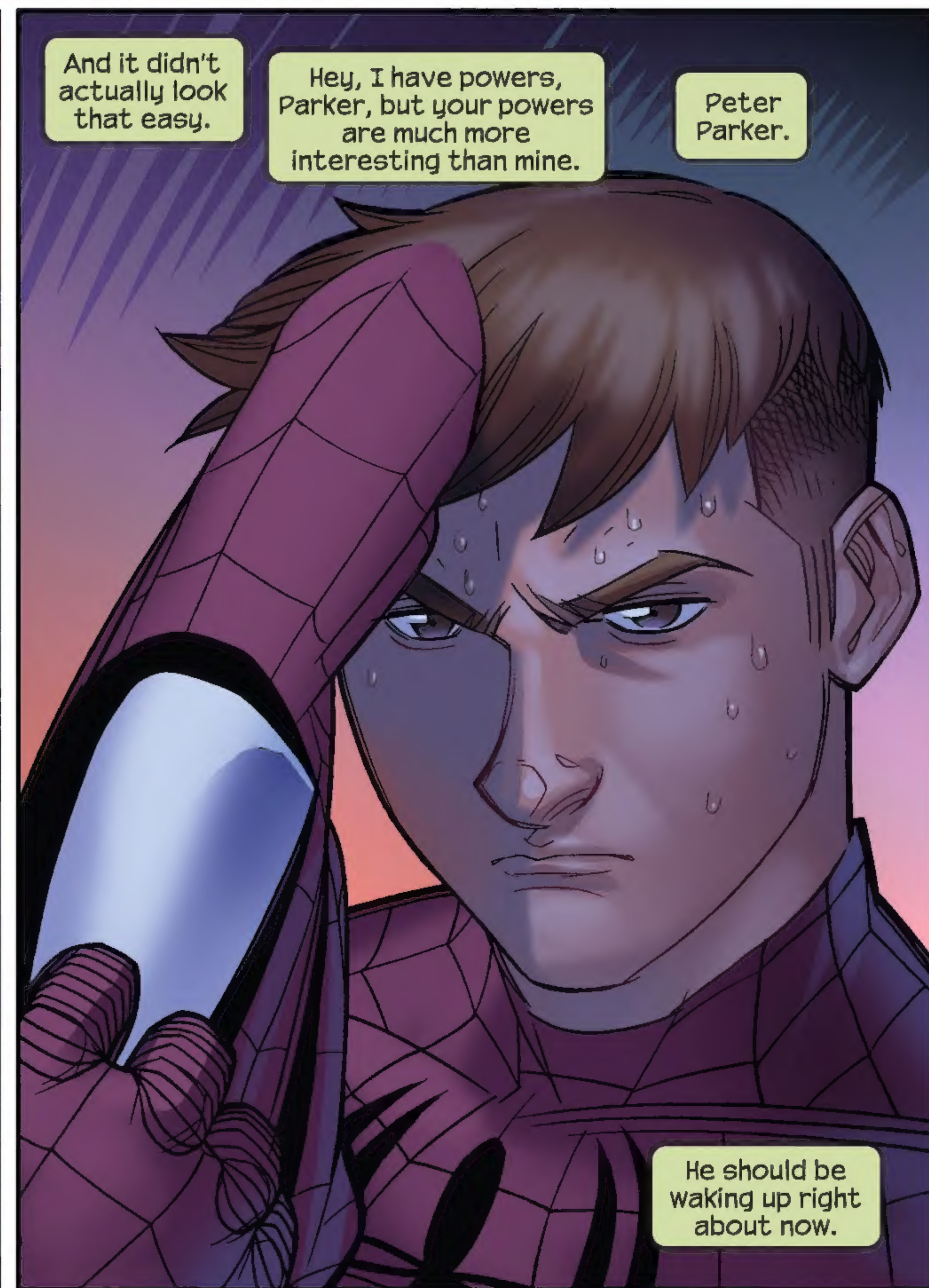


Agh!



Okay...

That's not as easy as it looks.



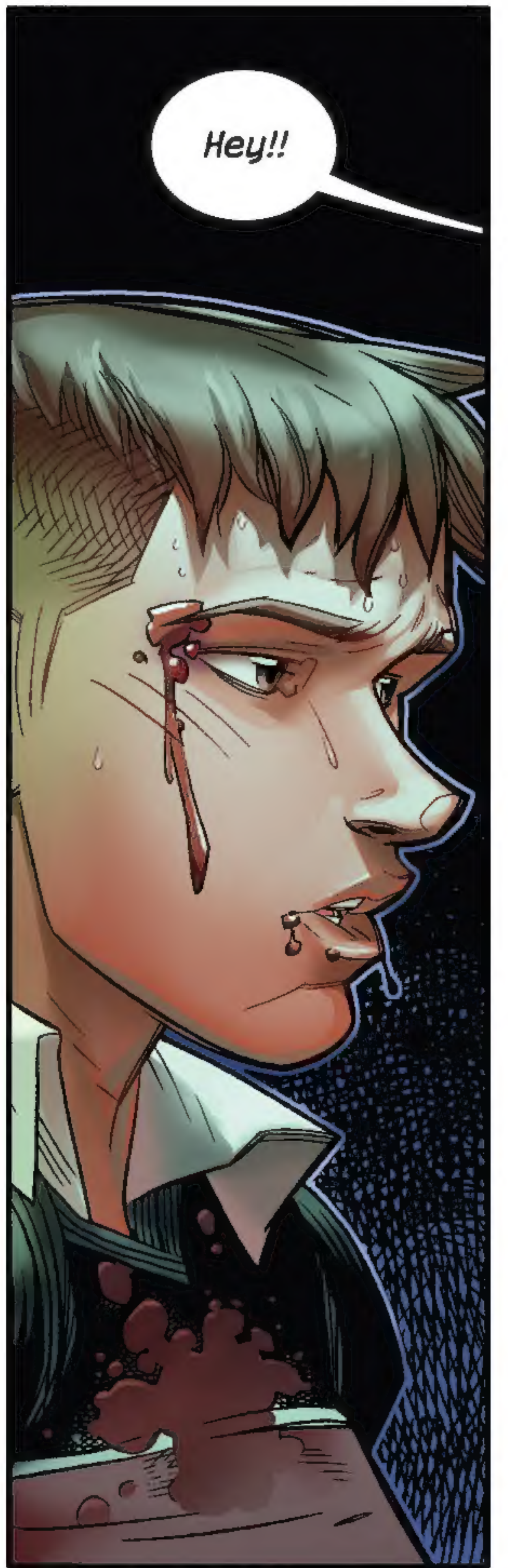
And it didn't actually look that easy.

Hey, I have powers, Parker, but your powers are much more interesting than mine.

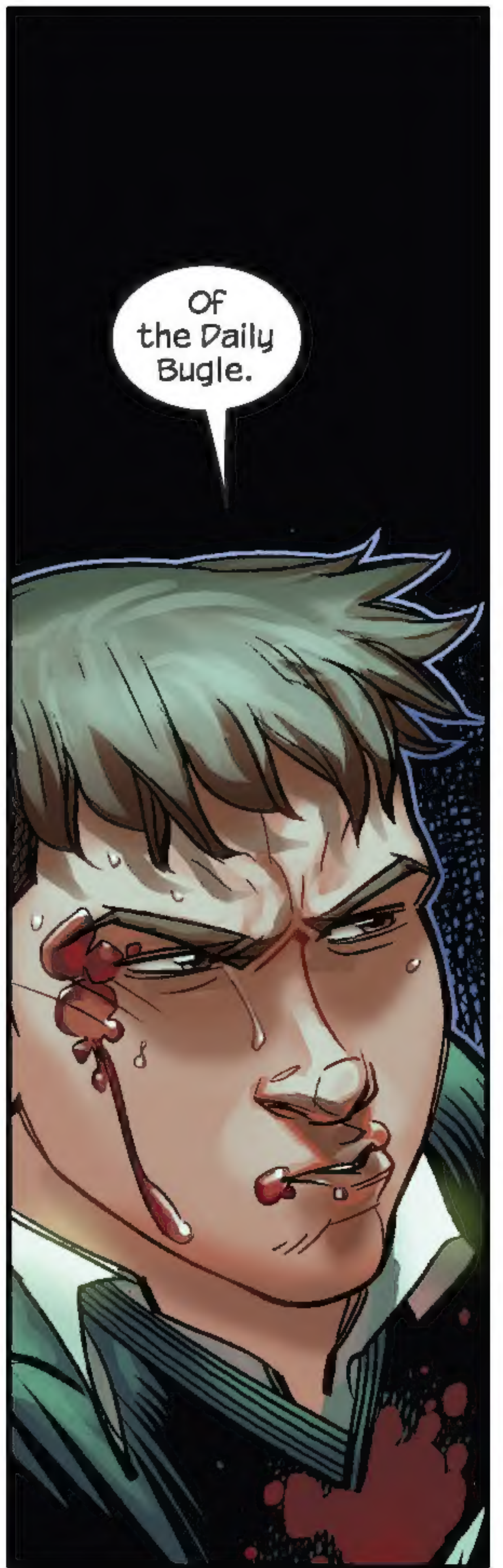
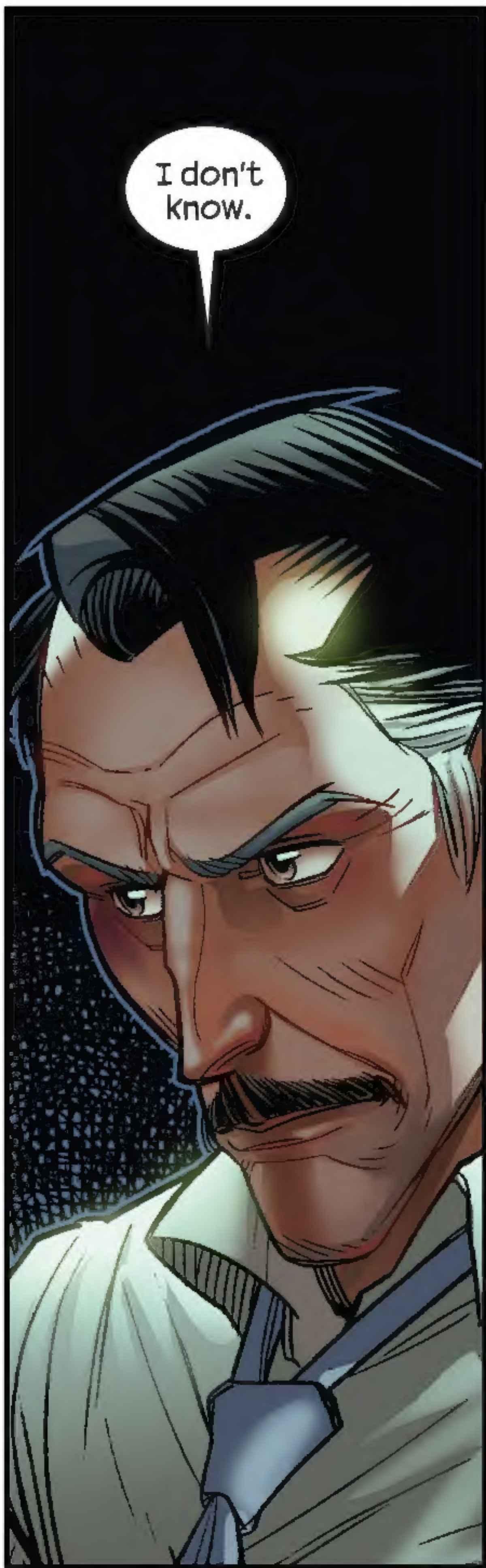
Peter Parker.

He should be waking up right about now.

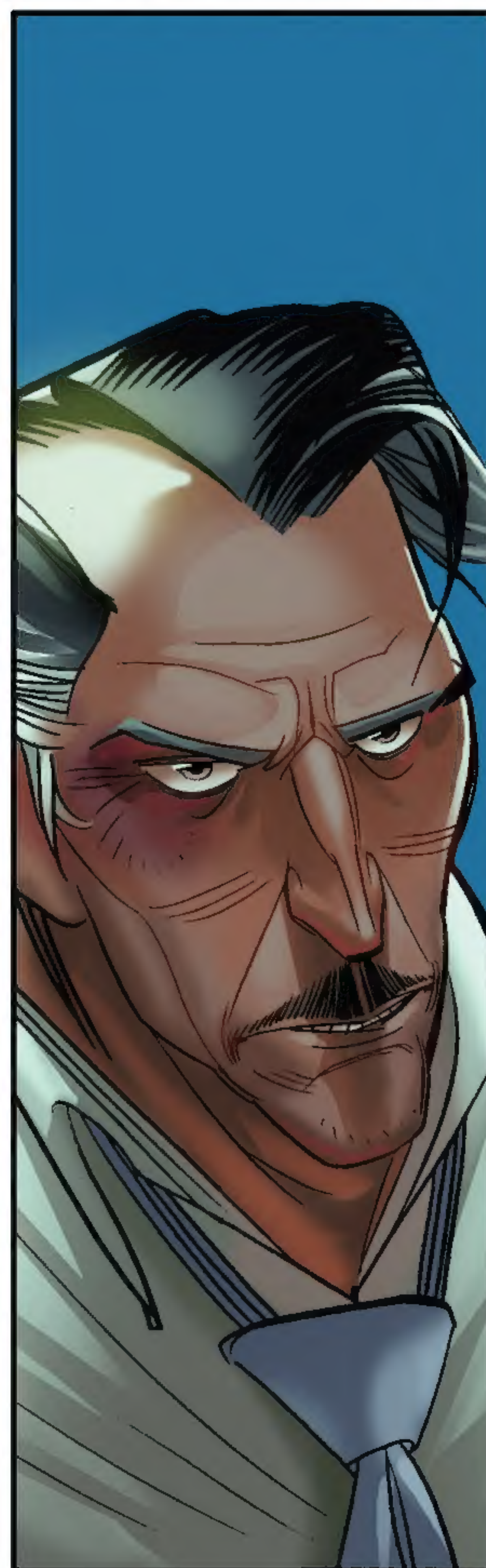
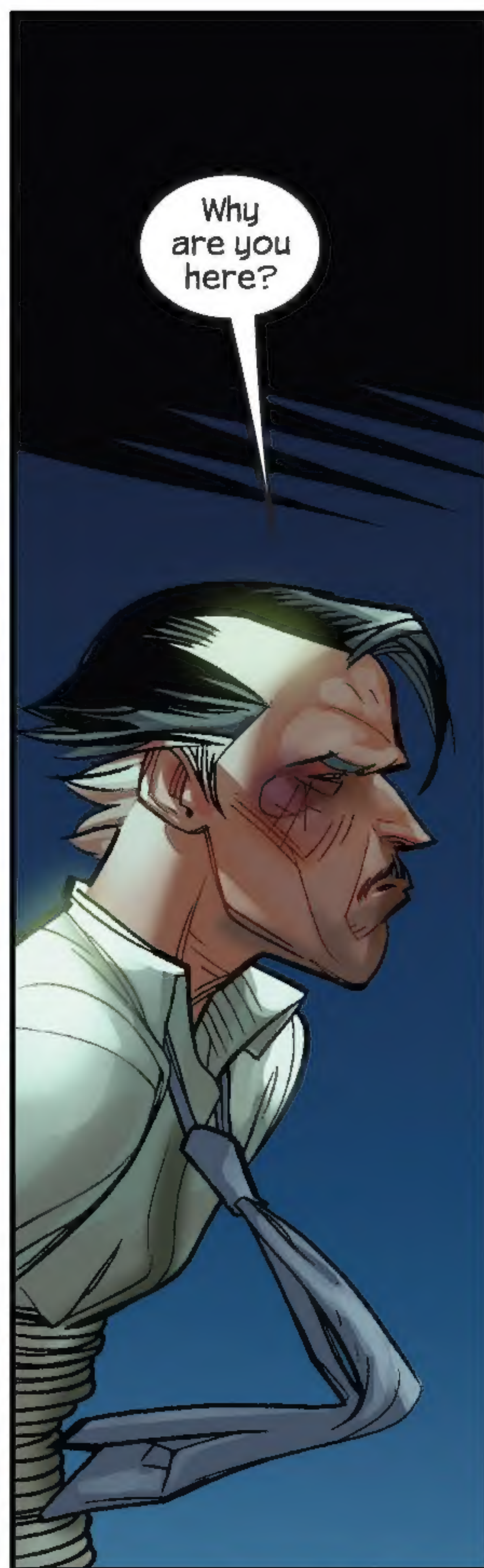
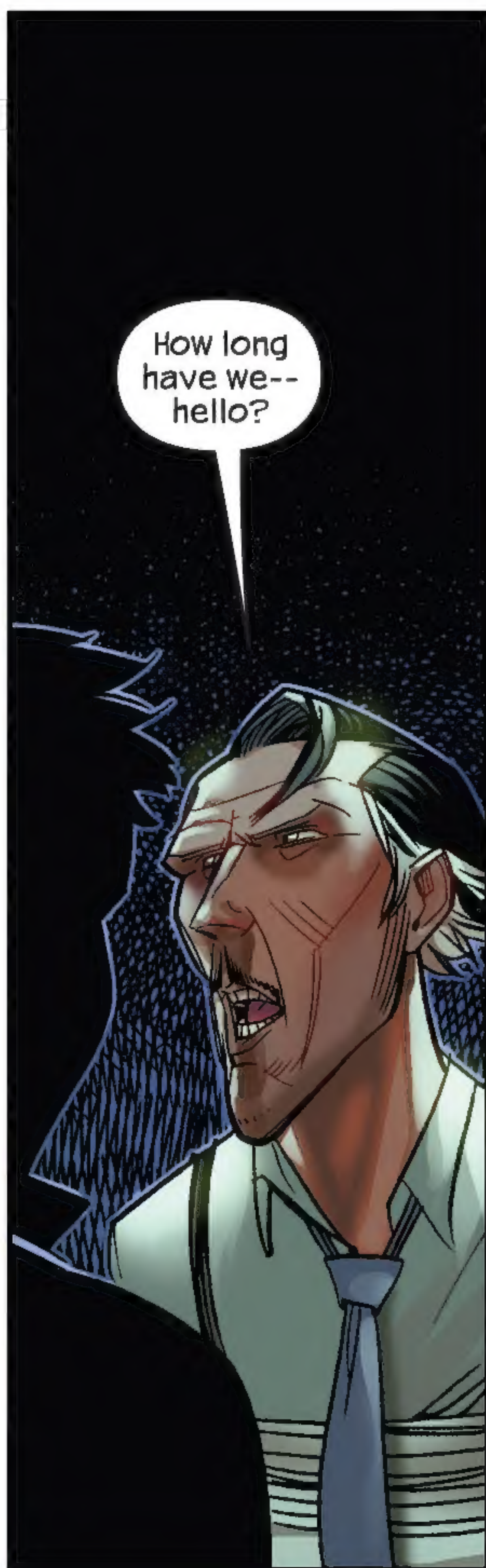
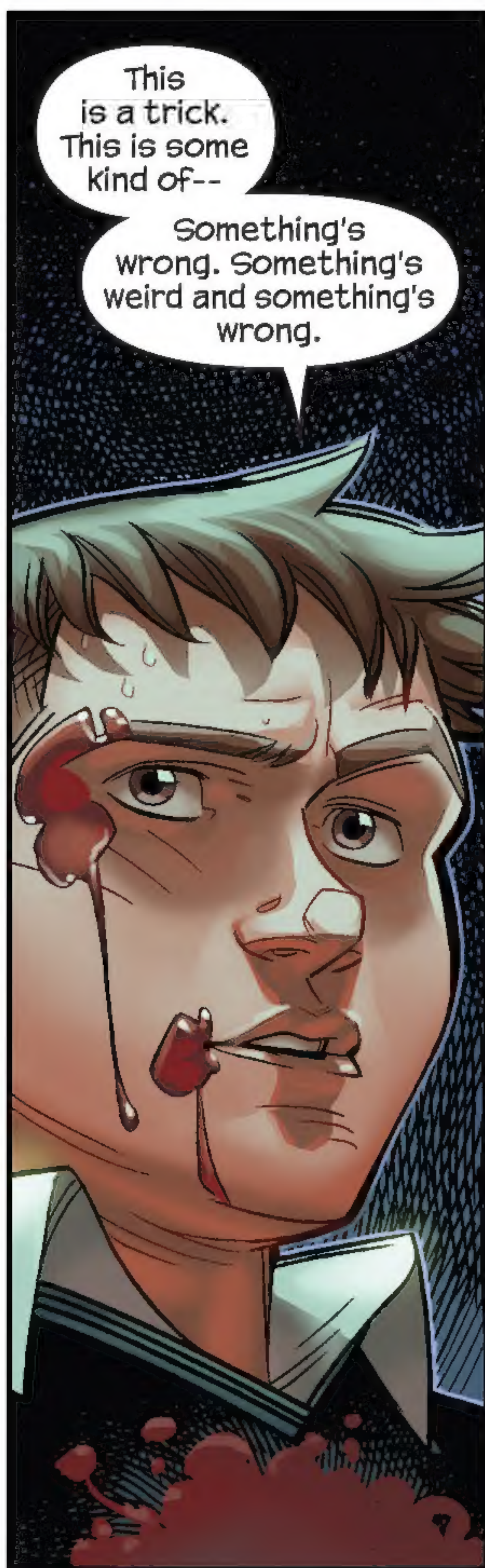




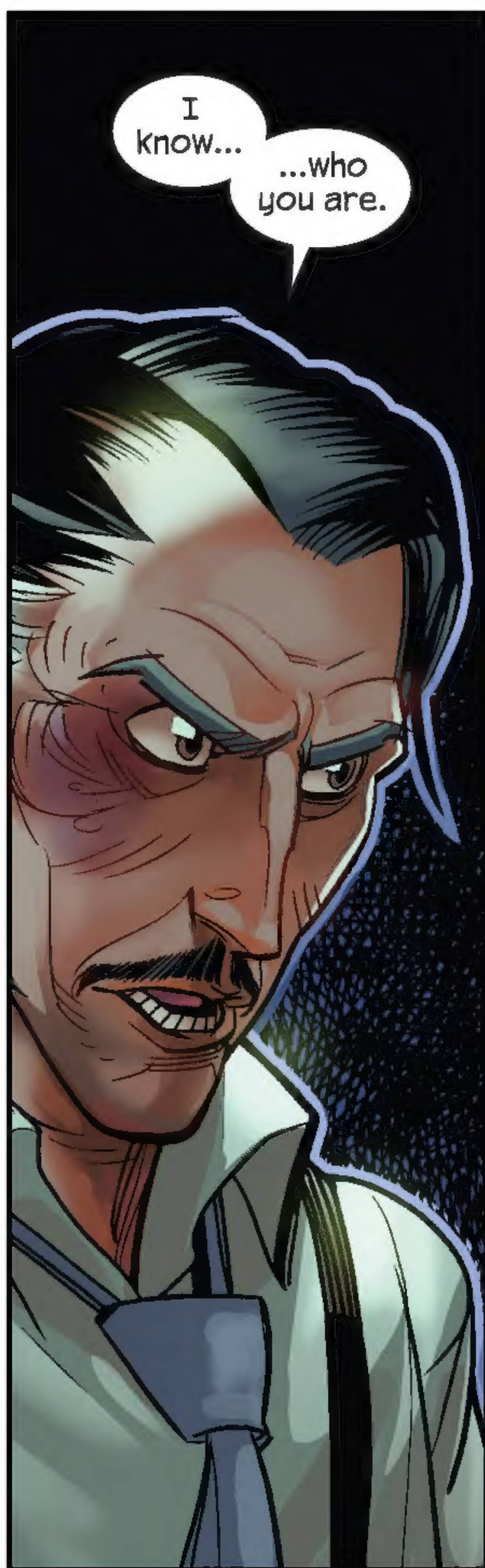




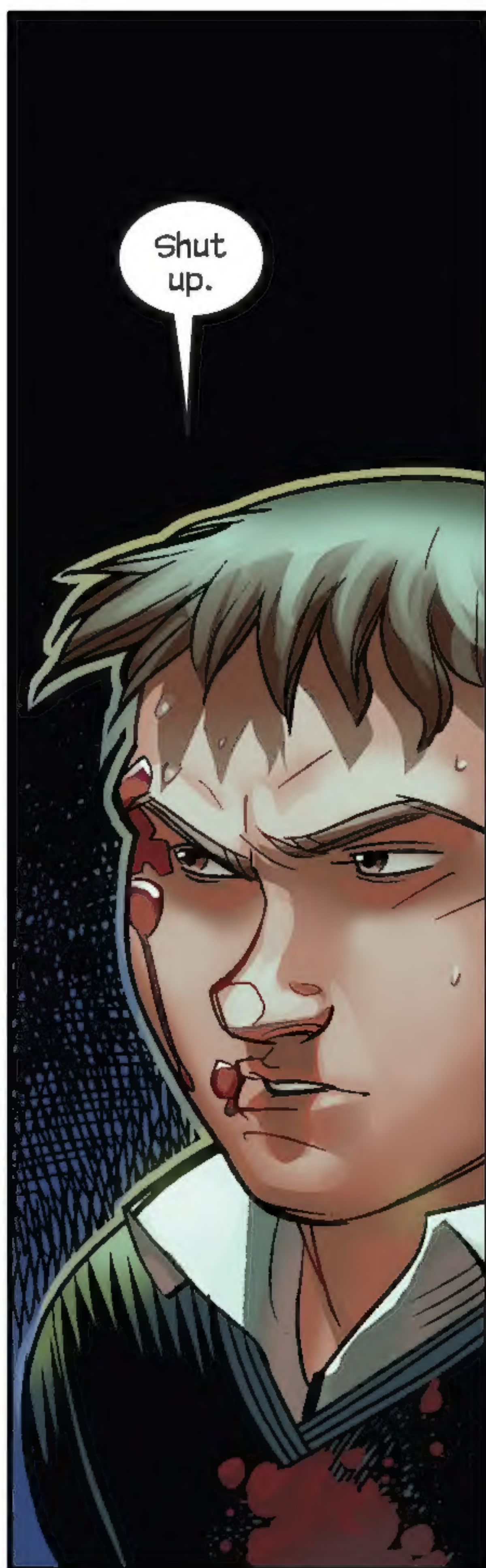








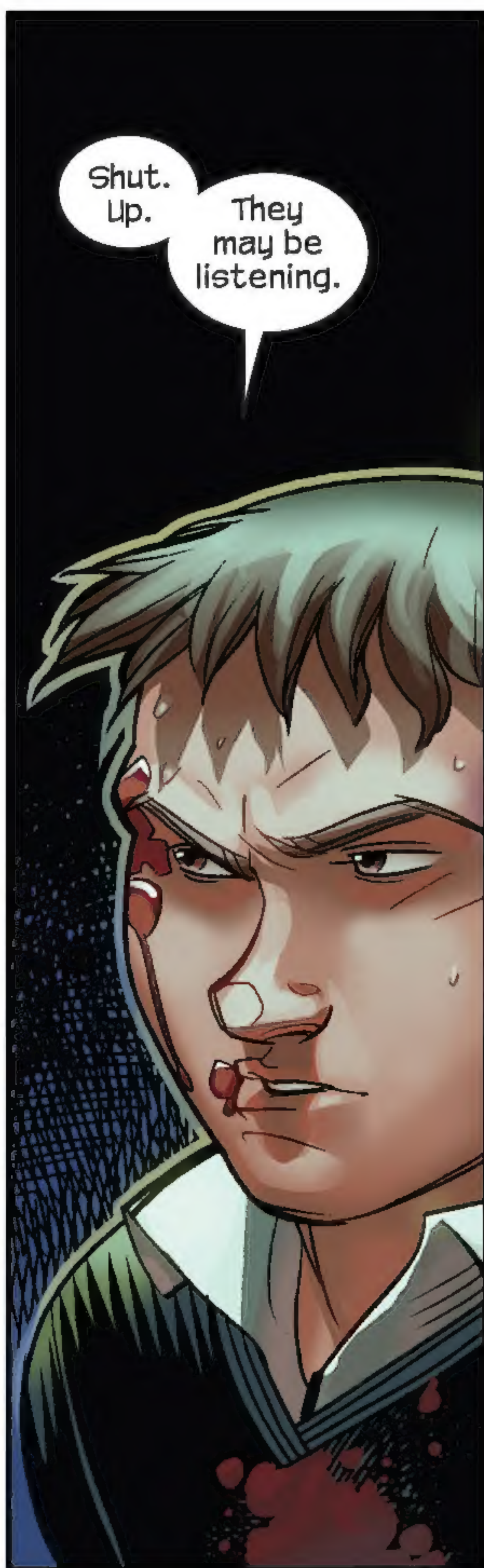
I know...  
...who you are.



Shut up.



I know who you--



Shut up.  
They may be listening.



Who may be listening?



Whoever put us here.



Okay. Okay.

Do it. Power up. Do whatever it is you do and get us out of here.

I'm trying!!

I'm having trouble.

I think they drugged us. I feel drugged.

Fuzzy.

I do too.



I can't believe it.  
I can't believe it was you this entire time.

Right under my nose.

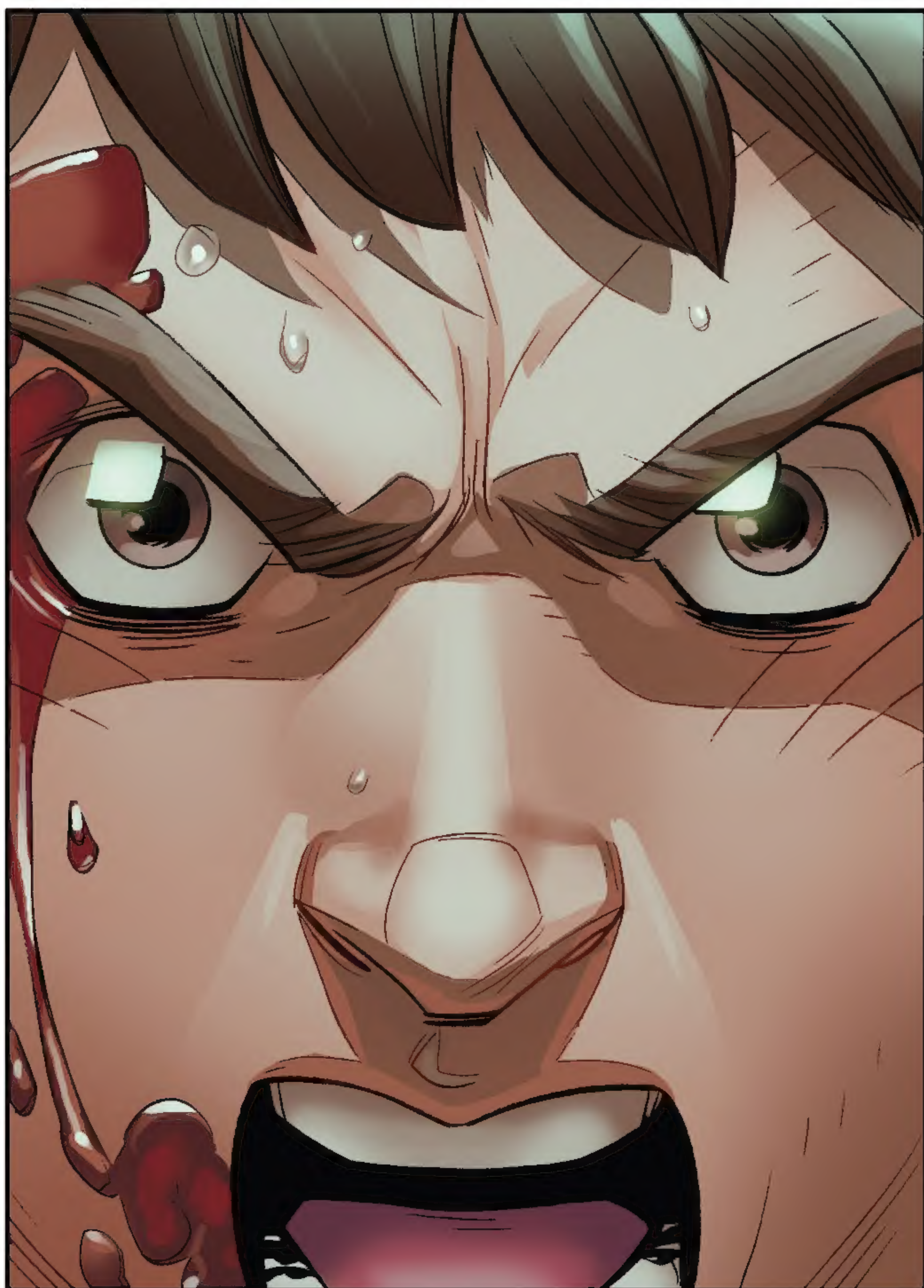


Shut up!



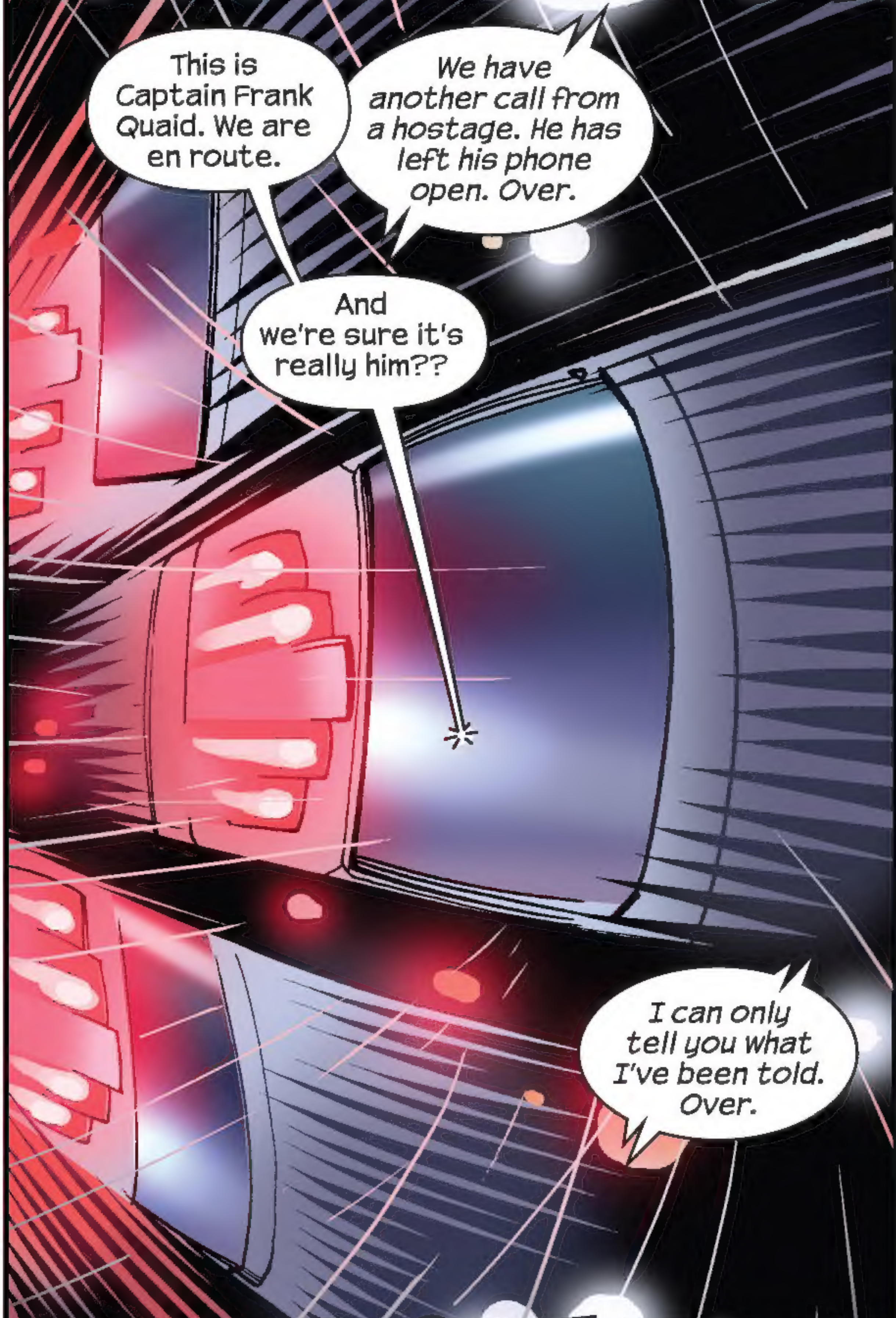
This is the story of the decade.

Right under my nose.





WEEEOOOOEEEEEOOOOEEEEEOOWWWEEEEEE



This is Captain Frank Quaid. We are en route.

We have another call from a hostage. He has left his phone open. Over.

And we're sure it's really him??

I can only tell you what I've been told. Over.



Alright. This is bad.

Who's running this??!!

You are now, Captain.

WEEEOOOOEEEEEOOOOEEEEEOOWWWEEEEEE



THIS IS CAPTAIN QUAID OF BROOKLYN PD!!

LET ANY AND ALL HOSTAGES GO AND WE WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO TALK YOU OUT OF THERE IN A SAFE AND ORDERLY--!!



You hear that, everyone?

He thinks I should let you go.

Let's take a vote. See if that works.



How long till SWAT gets here?

On their way.

Anyone I.D. him for sure?

Something's happening.





Heads  
up!

Big time  
super hero  
comin'  
through!



That  
was him.

For  
sure.

Say  
it ain't  
so, kid.

Aw,  
that kills  
me.





That's how  
you do what  
you do.

Hey,  
it's me.

How's your  
little social  
experiment  
going?





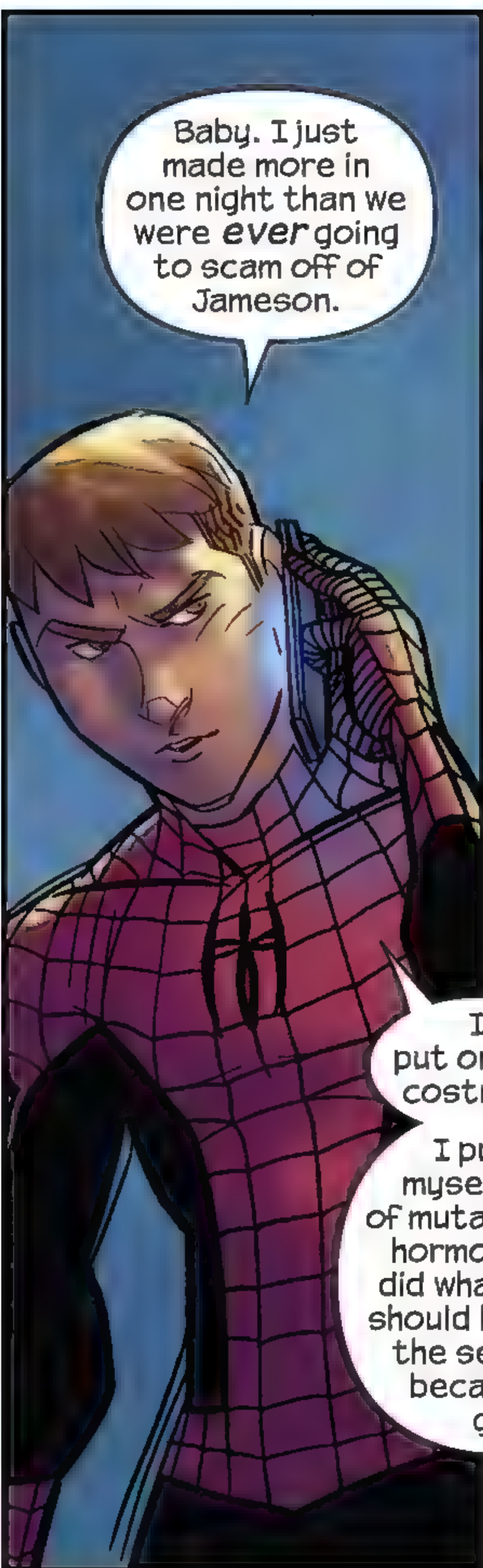
It's interesting.

I know who you are.

But I'm not sure we're going to learn anything about this kid you haven't already figured out.

Jameson *just* figured out the kid's secret.

And the old man's becoming less valuable to us by the second.



Baby. I just made more in one night than we were *ever* going to scam off of Jameson.

I put on the costume.

I pumped myself up full of mutant growth hormone and I did what this kid should have done the second he became this guy.



How much? How?

People saw you?



People saw him.

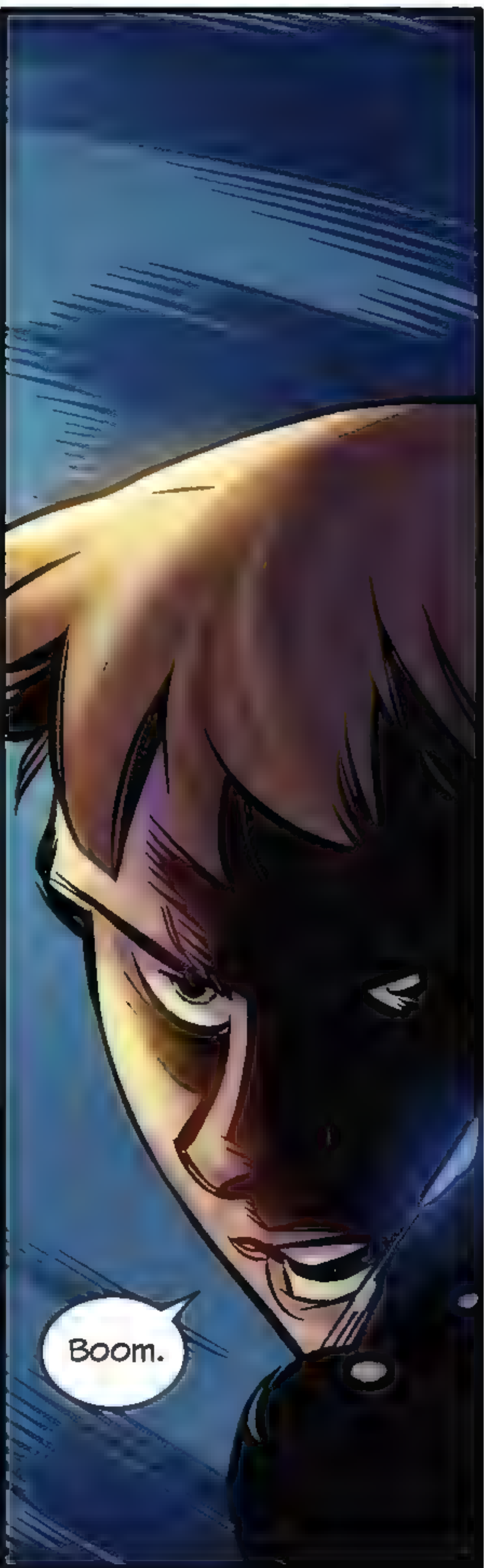
*Him.*

Pretty sure this is the worst day in Spider-Man's life.

I guarantee it's the lead story already.

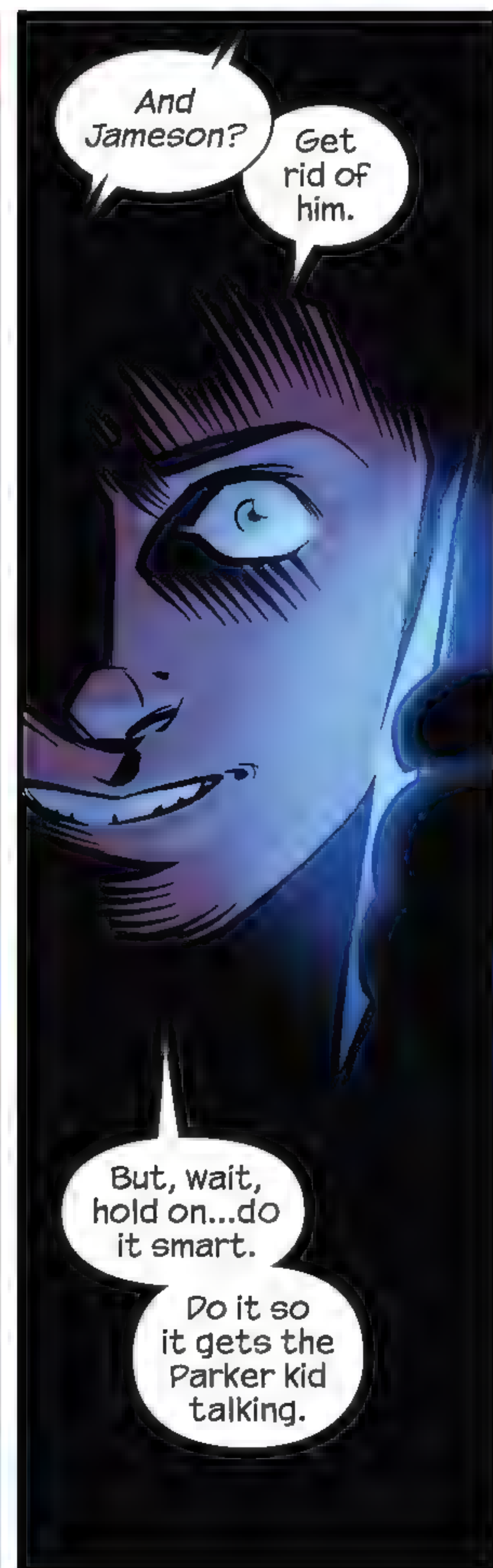


--day few thought would ever come, but the young hero known as Spider-Man has apparently started a one-man crime wave and no one in the five boroughs seems safe.

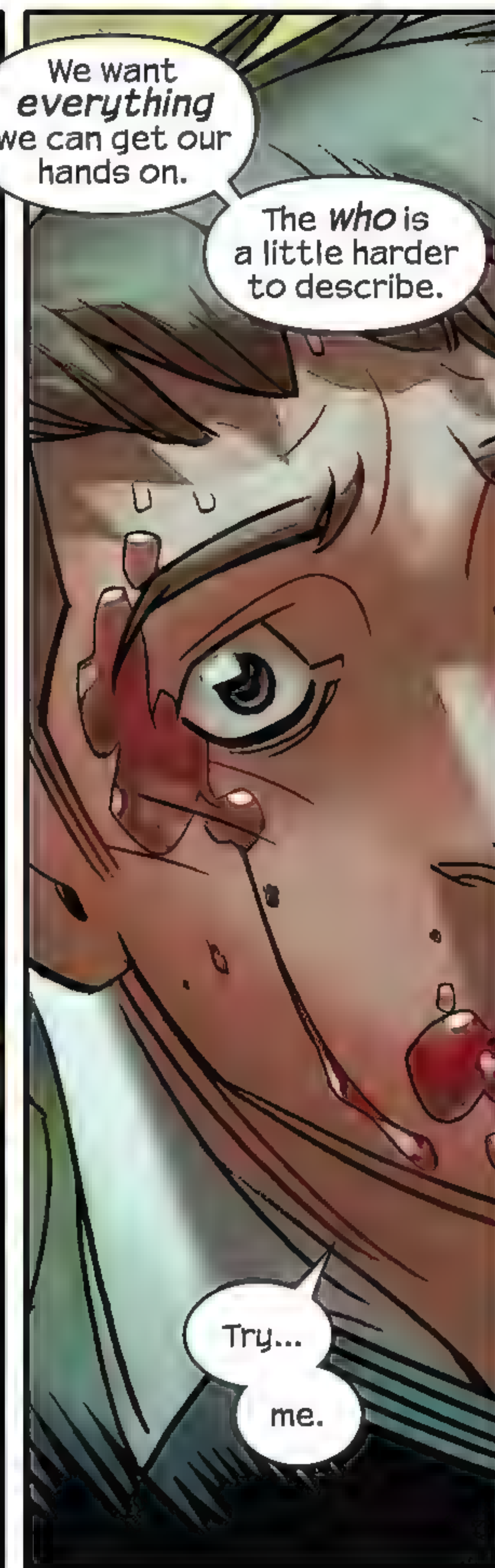
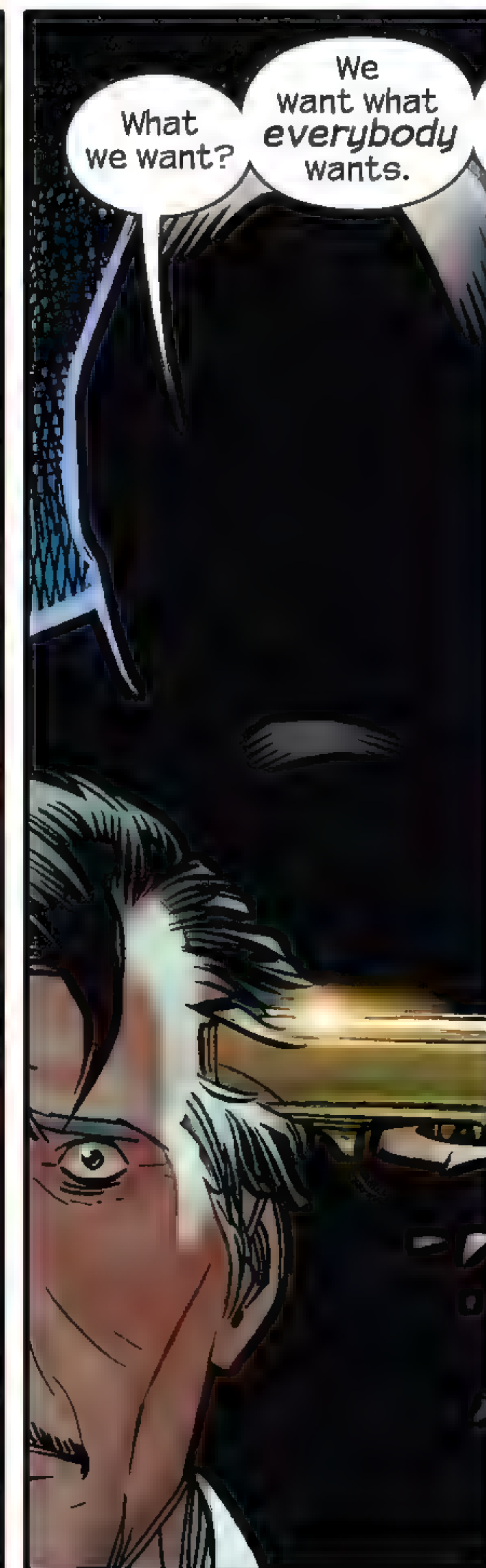
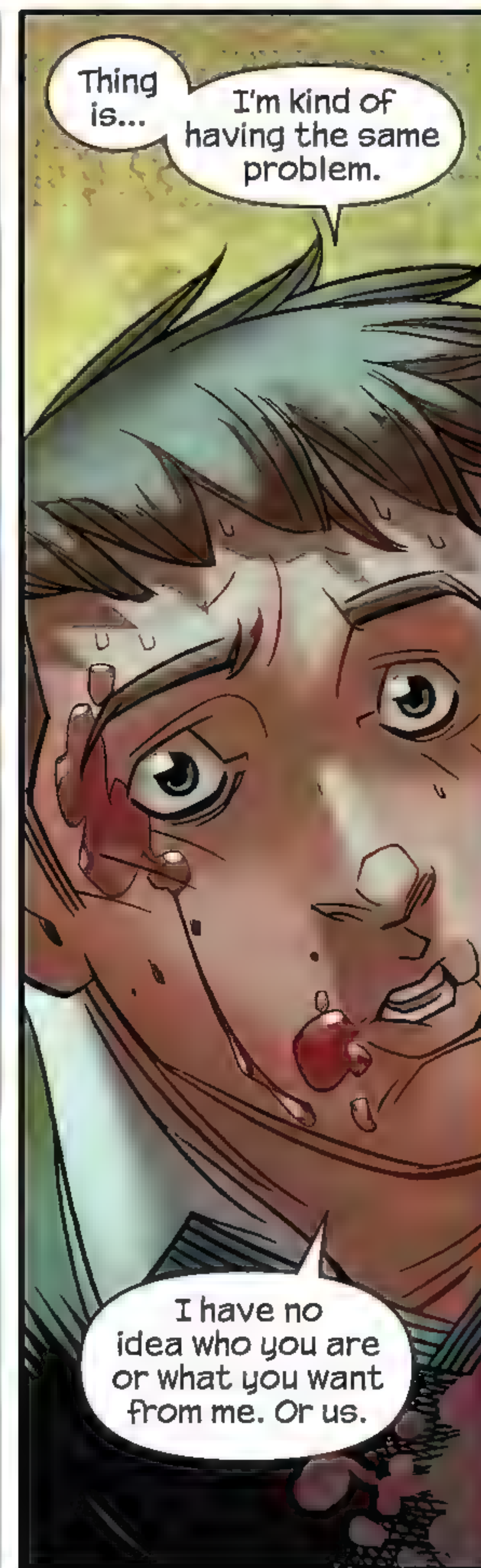
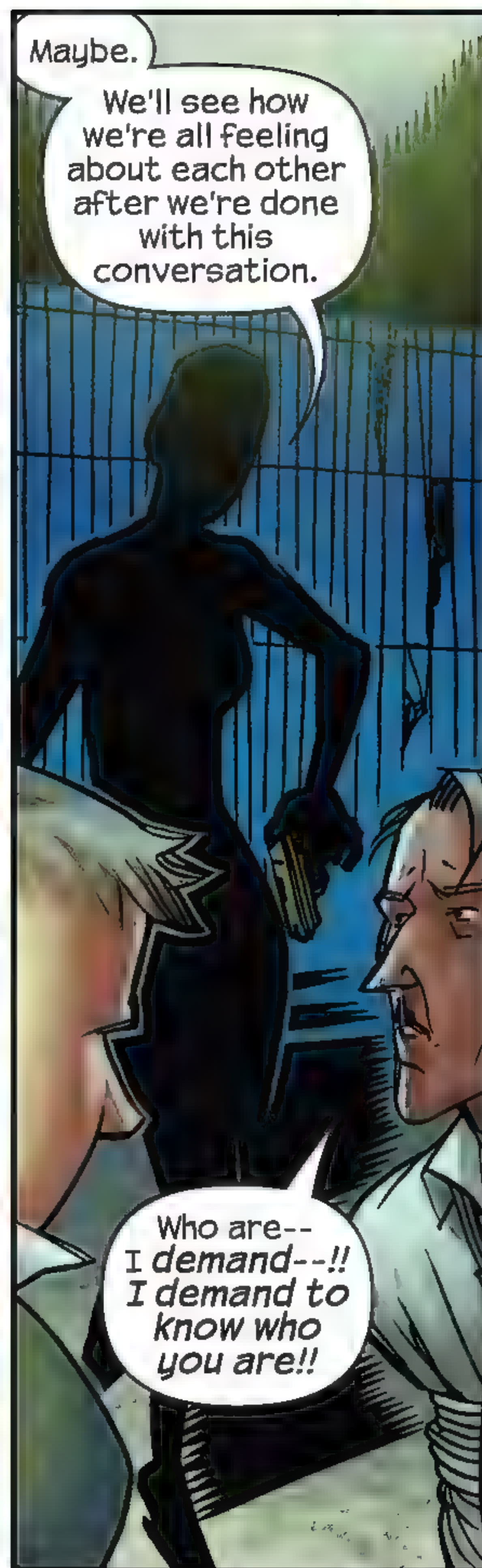
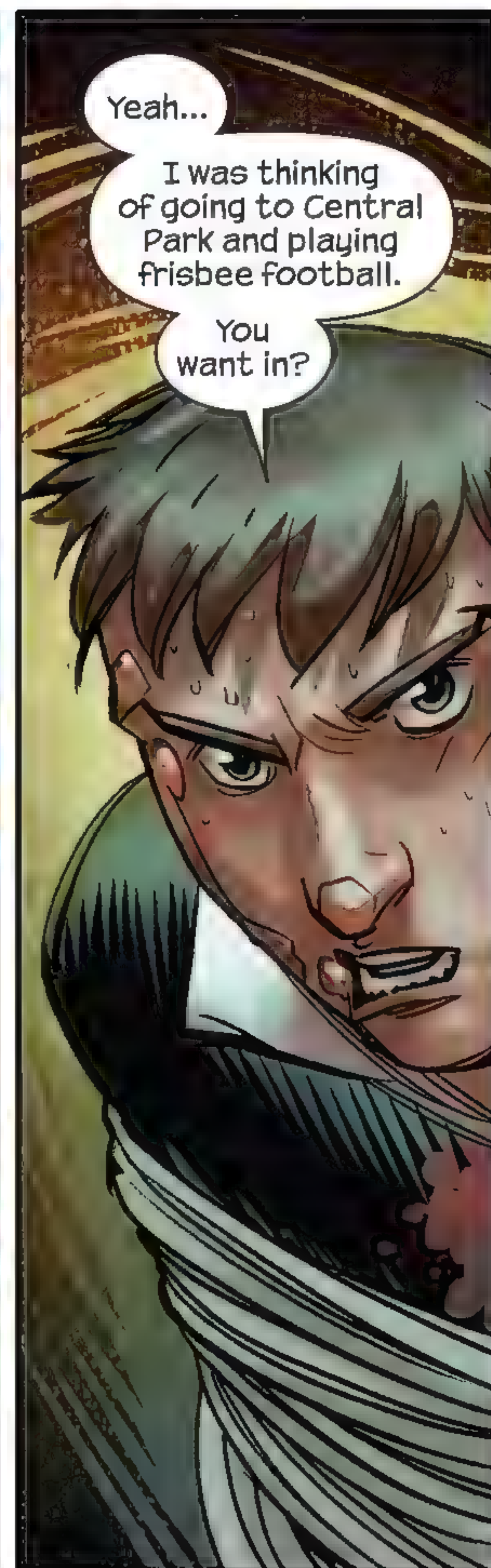
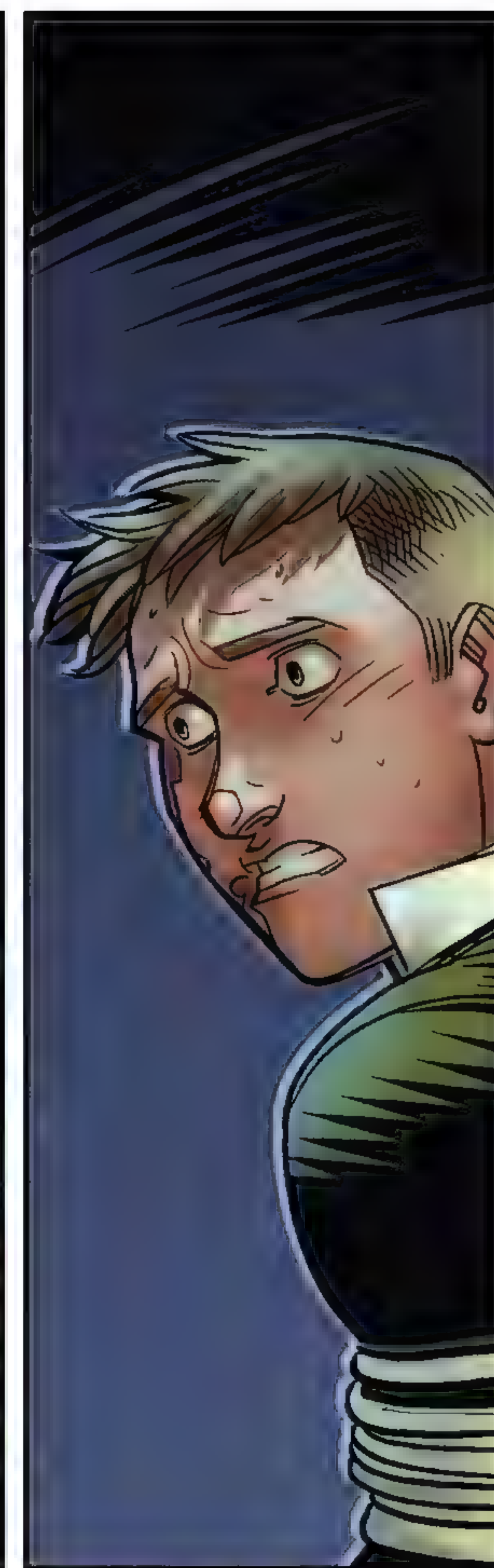
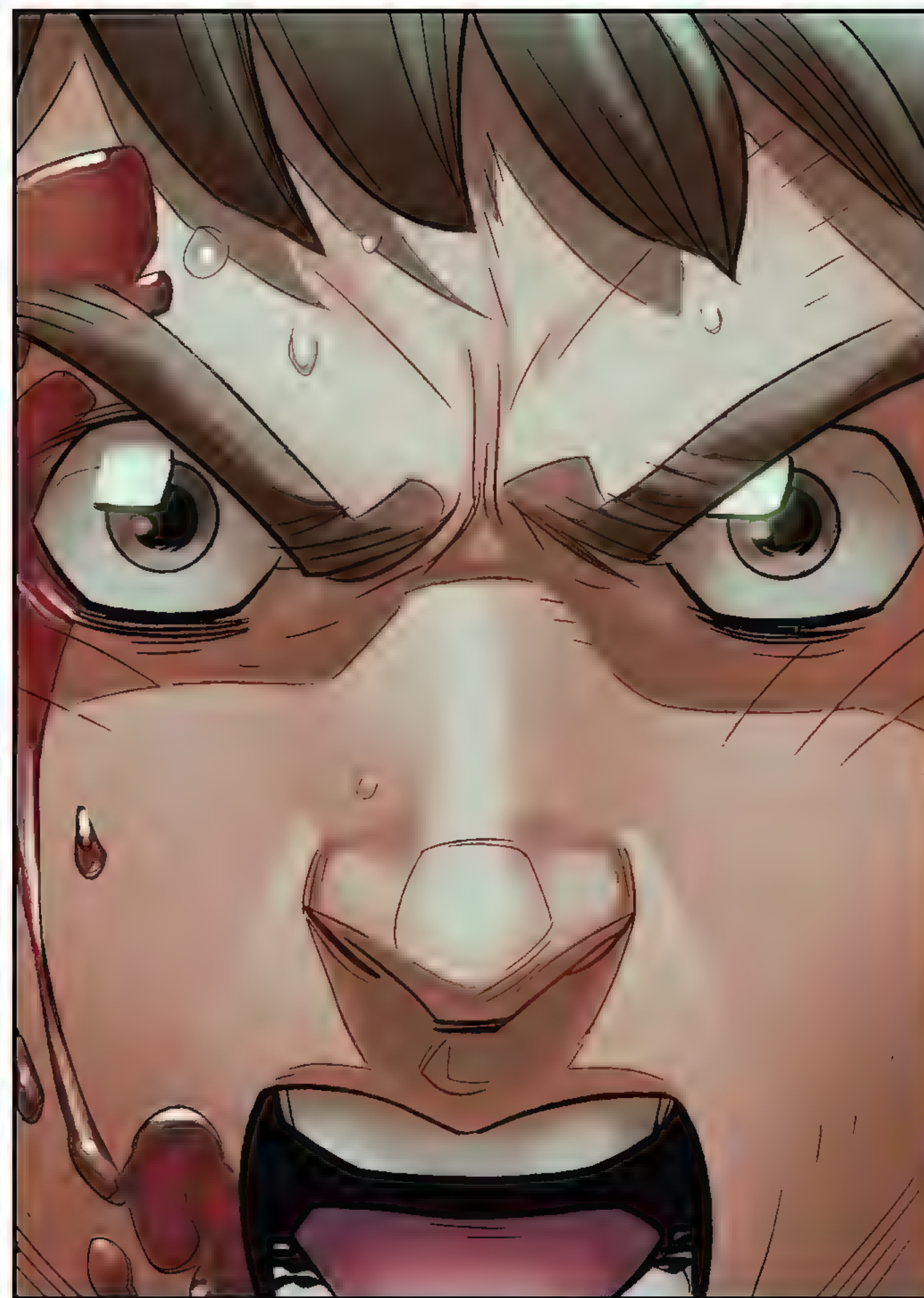


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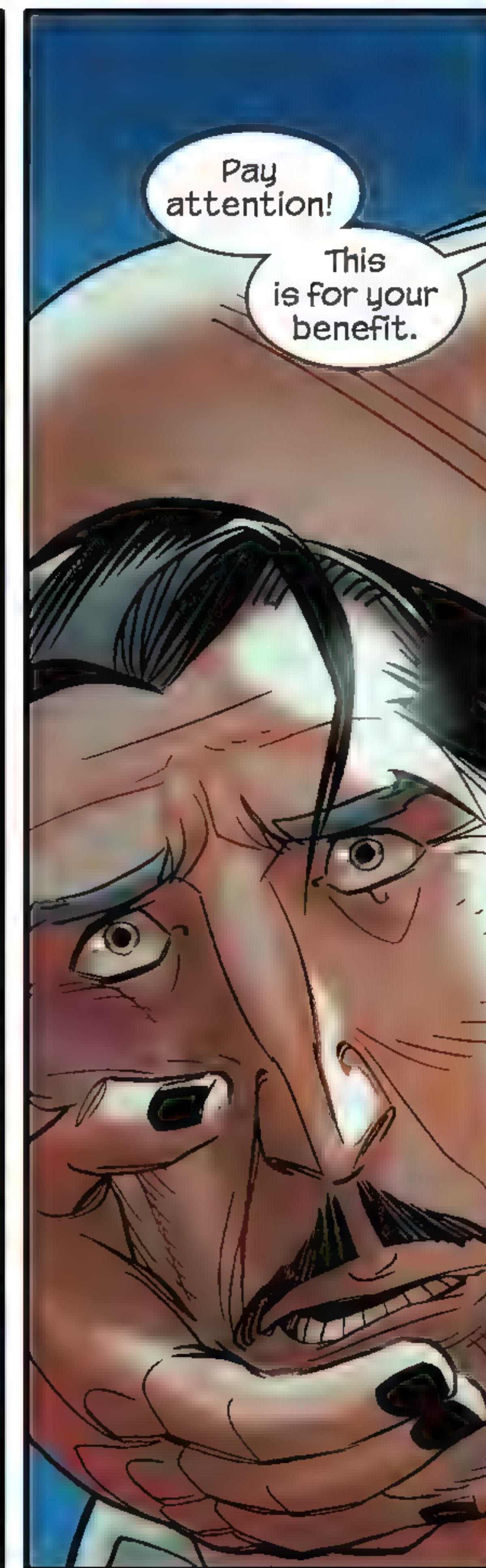
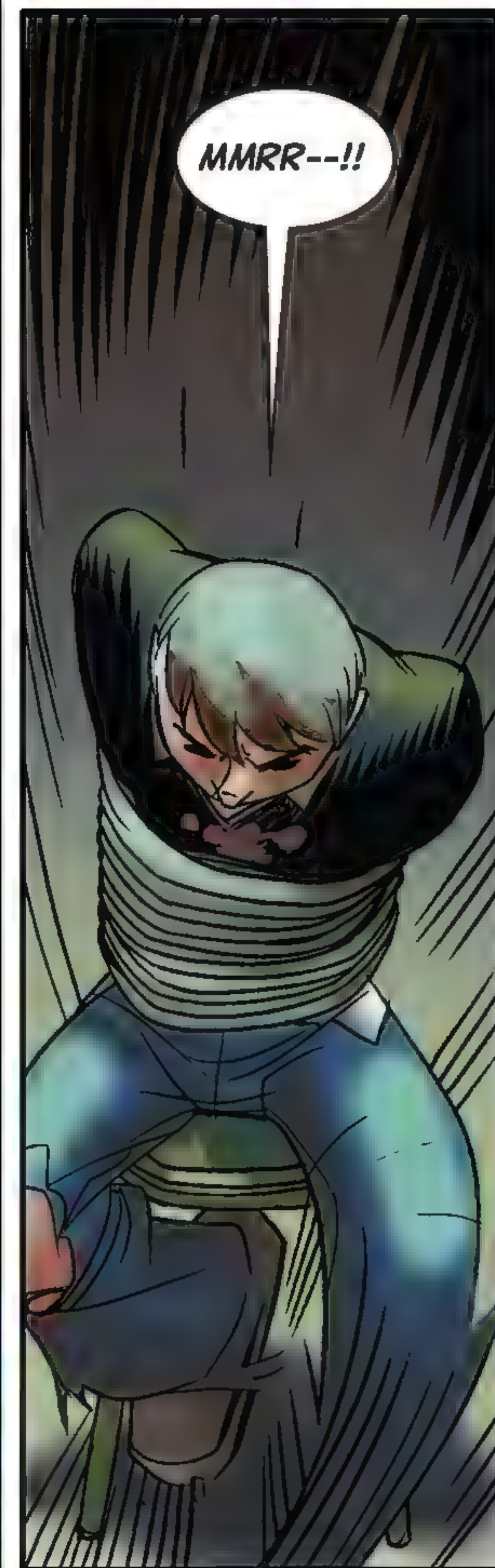
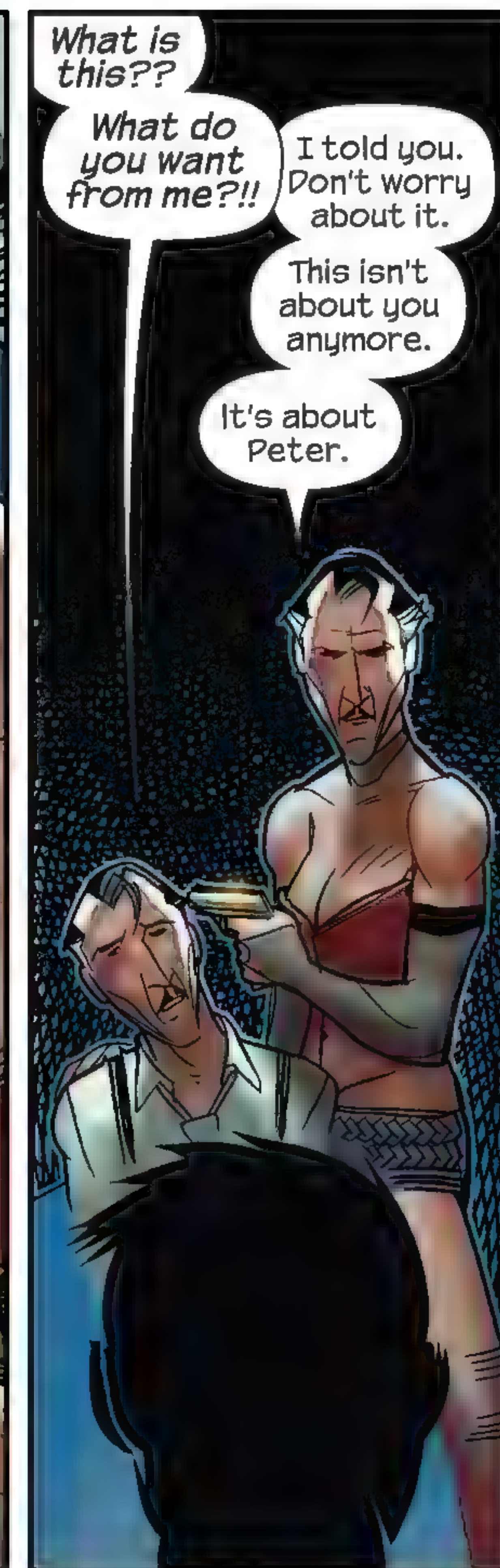
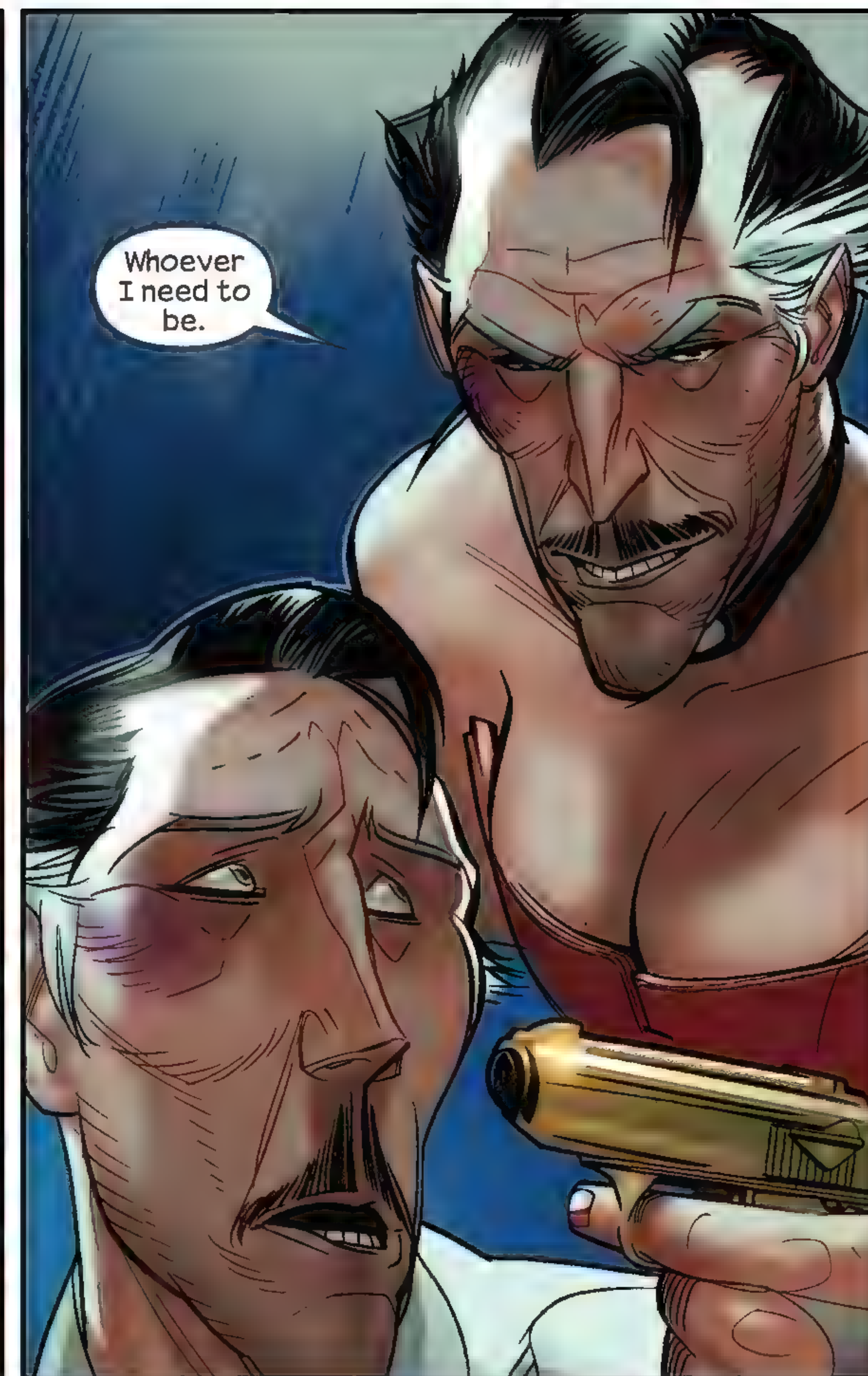
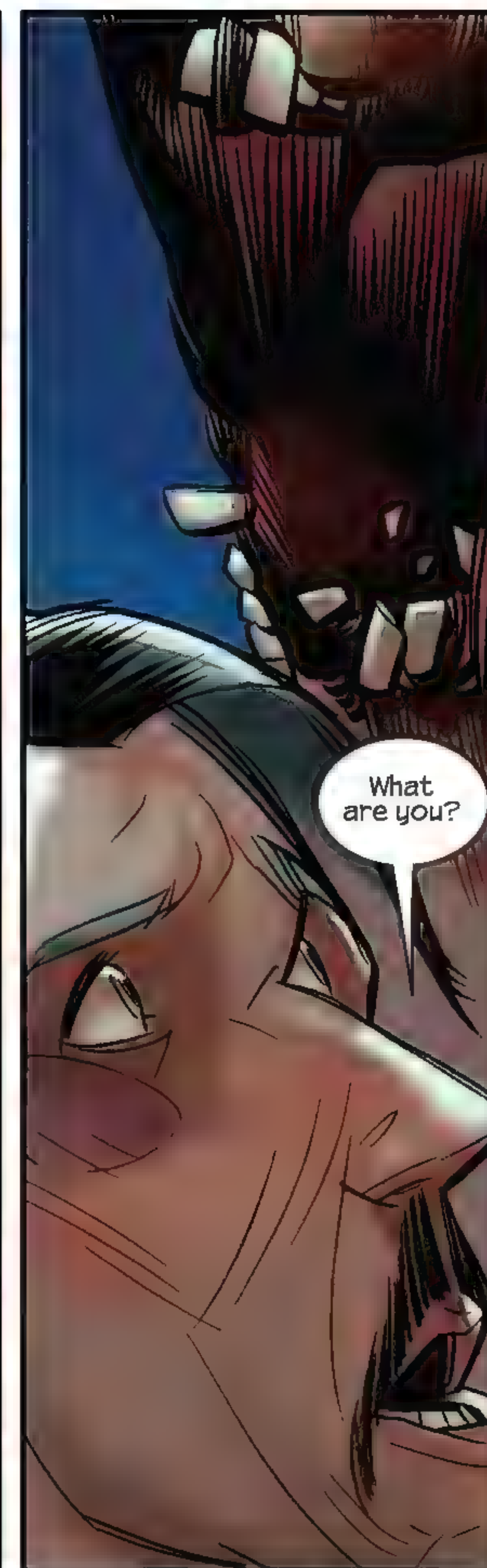
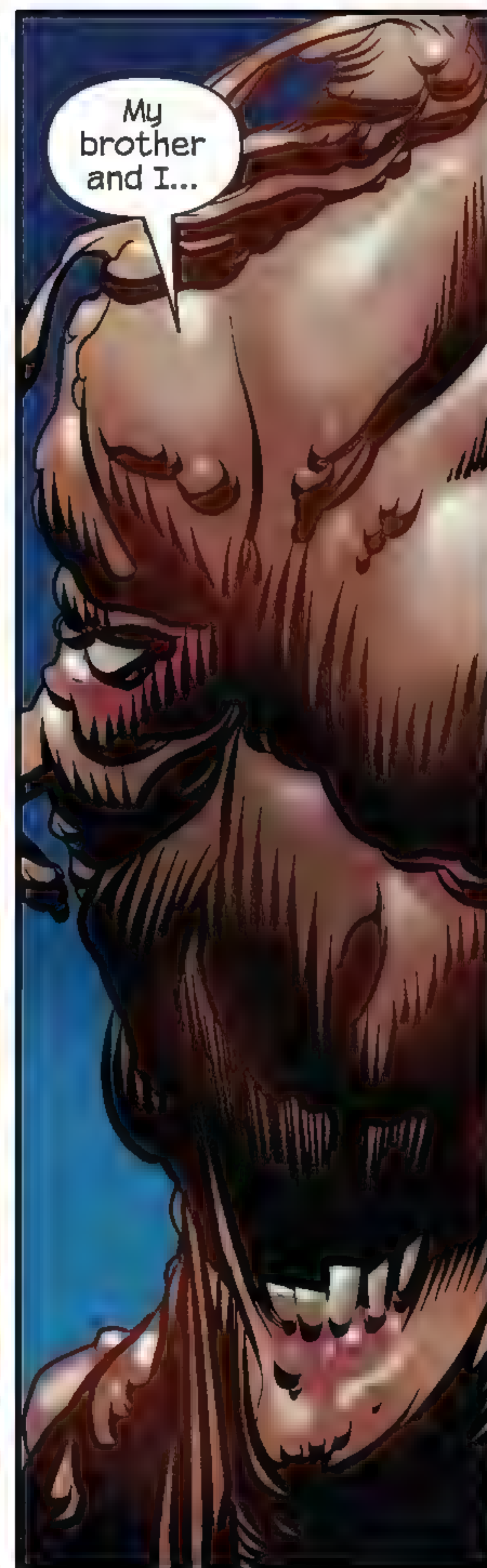




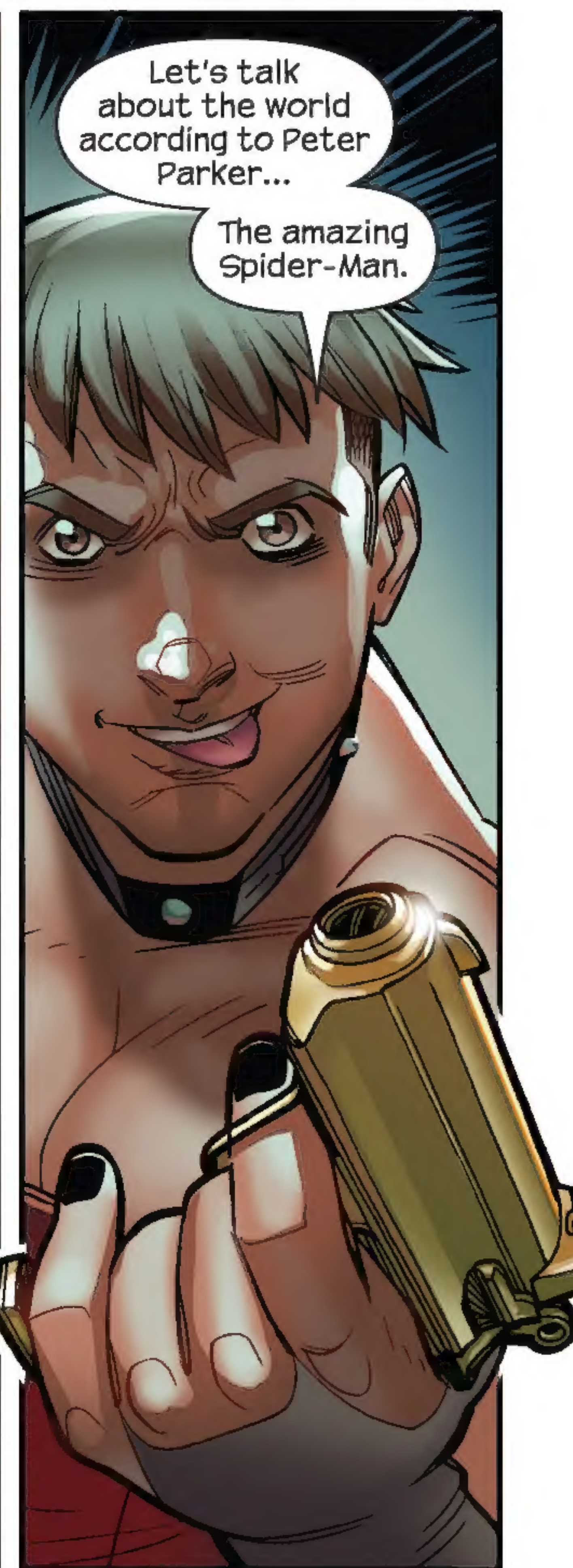
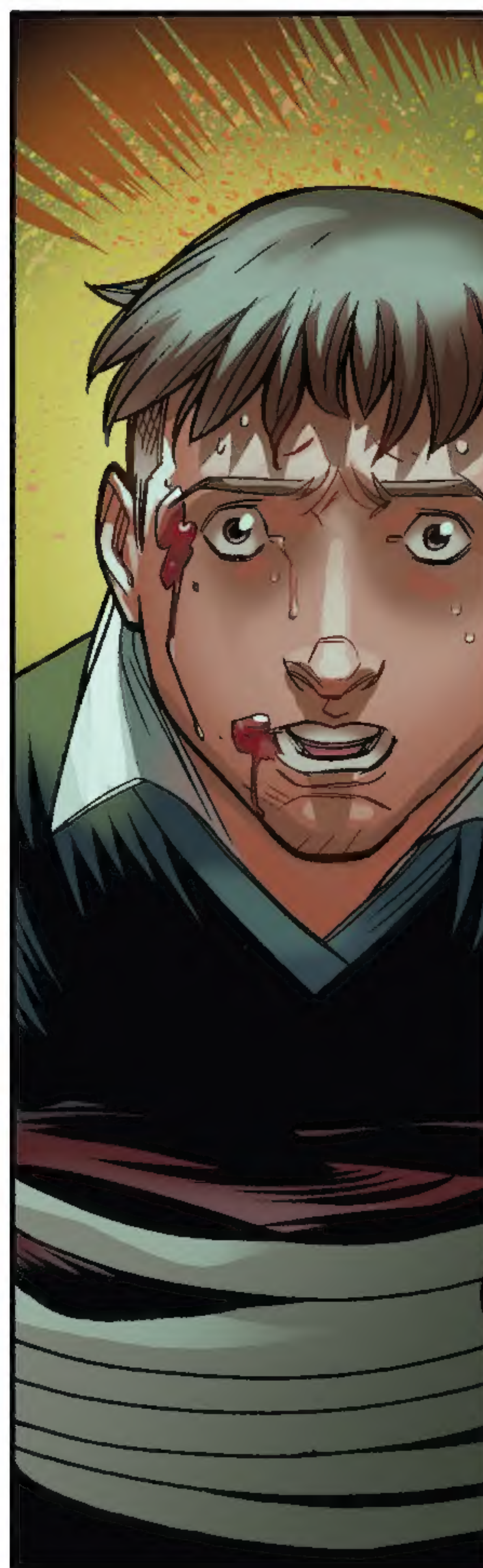


















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